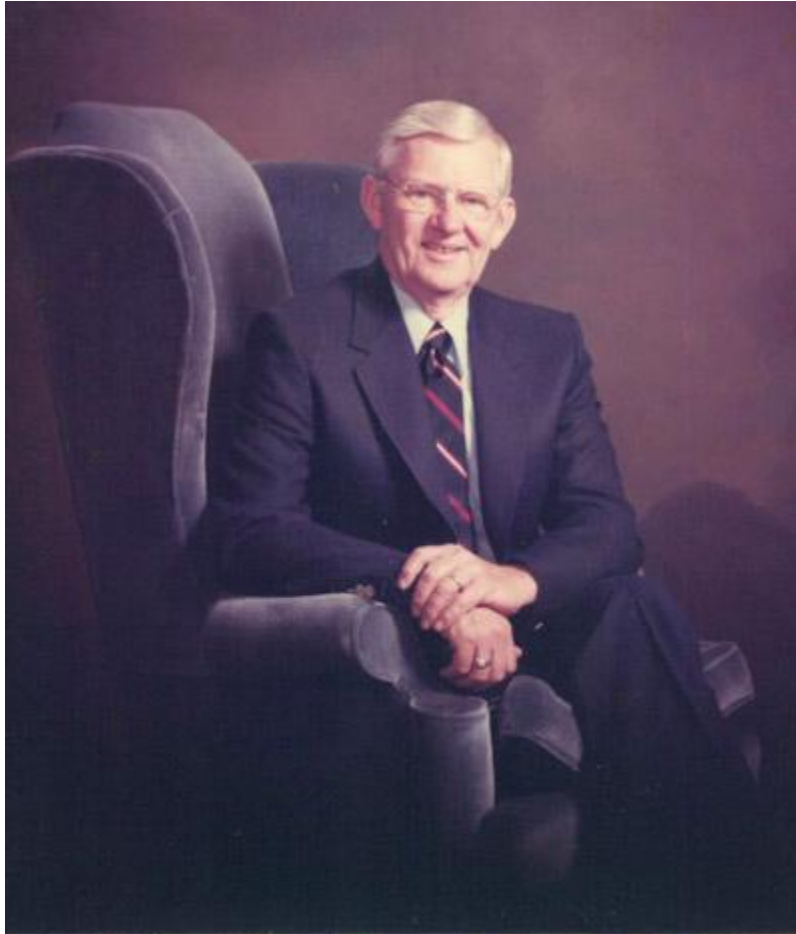


**Raymond F. Corpe M.D, Tuberculosis
Researcher and Humanitarian, a Tribute.**



Citations from the Georgia State Legislature

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Senate Resolution 868

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd and Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

Commending Dr. Raymond F. Corpe; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, during the course of his extraordinary career, Dr. Raymond F. Corpe touched the lives of countless patients as a pioneer of tuberculosis research; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois College in Chicago, after which he served his country honorably as a commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service from 1943 to 1952; and

WHEREAS, after serving three years as chief of surgery at Battey State Hospital (now known as Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital), he became the hospital's superintendent; and

WHEREAS, under his direction, the physicians of Battey State Hospital spearheaded many revolutionary developments in the treatment of tuberculosis, including the discovery of the "Battey Strain" of the deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe's research in developing a drug treatment for tuberculosis has allowed those infected with tuberculosis to be treated at home through drug regimens rather than surgery or institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his able leadership and brilliant contributions as a researcher, his hospital became one of the most renowned tuberculosis treatment centers in the world, serving as a beacon of hope to patients everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe has left an enduring legacy to our children through his noble efforts to make this world a healthier and happier place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend Dr. Raymond F. Corpe for the many extraordinary achievements of his long and distinguished career and thank him for his invaluable contributions to medicine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.

ADOPTED

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Pearson of the 51st and Heath of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe; and for other purposes.

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WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe has left an enduring legacy to our children through his noble efforts to make this world a healthier and happier place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond F.

Corpe. ADOPTED

Online Publications of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe

Friday, May 18, 2007

Resolution urges DHR to name new health building after famous Rome physician

ATLANTA – Gov. Sonny Perdue, today, signed Senate Resolution 87, authored by Sen. Preston Smith (R-Rome), urging the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the future district health office building, to be built on the campus of Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, in honor of Dr. Raymond Corpe, the former superintendent of Battey State Hospital. In its time, Battey State Hospital, which is now Northwest Georgia Regional, was one of the most renowned TB treatment centers in the world.

“Dr. Corpe touched the lives of countless patients as a pioneer of tuberculosis research,” Sen. Smith said. “Over the years, he developed a drug treatment for tuberculosis and allowed those with TB to be treated at home through drug regimens rather than in institutions. I think naming this building for Dr. Corpe would be a giant step in appropriately honoring this great man.

During his extraordinary career, Dr. Corpe served his country as an officer in the United State Public Health Service for nine years, and served as chief of surgery at Battey State Hospital, eventually becoming the hospital’s superintendent. Now in his mid-90s, Dr. Corpe lives in Augusta, but frequently visits Rome and the Battey retirees.

Biography of Raymond F. Corpe, M.D.

July 14, 1912-December 18, 2010

Dr. Raymond F. Corpe was born July 14, 1912 in Colfax, Ill and lived in that small rural community of 600 people with his parents and sister. Dr. Corpe attended Eureka College, and then taught one year in a one room school house before attending medical school at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

His post graduate training included residencies in pathology, general surgery and thoracic surgery, involving moves to Richmond, VA, Chicago, Ill, Nopeming, MN, Boston, MA, and Seattle WA. He was a commissioned officer for the US Public Health Service from 1943-1952.

In January 1950, Dr. Corpe accepted a position as Chief of Surgery at Battey State Hospital in Rome, GA. From 1953-1974 he moved from Chief Surgeon to Superintendent of BSH where he assumed a leadership position both in the fields of tuberculosis and administration of the hospital. During this period he also served as consultant for the Veteran's Administration, Atlanta, GA, for a Tuberculosis program at Reidsville State Prison, and acted as the administrator for the transition of Tuberculosis patients from Battey State Hospital to North West Regional Hospital.

He was a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Board of Surgery and American Board of Thoracic Surgery, and played a prominent leadership role in many related national committees. Dr. Corpe was particularly active and internationally known in tuberculosis treatment and research, where his publications and lectures are prolific.

Dr. Corpe represented our country internationally, and was instrumental in eradicating tuberculosis throughout the world. He and his team were responsible for introducing a more modern concept of tb control with revised diagnostic standards. He was inducted into the International Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the Sellers-McCroan Award in 1997.

[December 22, 2010, Local Medical Pioneer Remembered](#)

[In Memoriam of Dr. Raymond Francis Corpe](#)

[The Man Who Beat TB](#)

[Bibliography and Complete Publications List of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe](#)

Dr. Corpe in the 1950's

